

Appendix B: Kentucky's current minimum high school graduation requirements as defined by 704 KAR 3:305

Subject	Credit	Courses	Considerations
Language Arts	4	English I, II, III, IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the requirement for 4 credits be retained? • If yes, should Kentucky retain the requirement for these four specific courses? • If yes, should they be required to be taken in sequence? • If no, should the graduation requirement include specific courses or incorporate a progression of English knowledge and skills leading to 4 credits?
Social Studies	3	Credits to incorporate United States History, Economics, Government, World Geography, and World Civilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the requirement for 3 credits be retained? • If yes, should the current requirement stand or should specific courses be taken?
Mathematics	3	Algebra I, Geometry and one elective as provided in the Program of Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the requirements for 3 credits of mathematics be retained? • If yes, should the requirement for 3 credits of mathematics be strengthened? Should the third course be specified or remain an elective? • Should four math credits be required? • Should mathematics be taken every year, regardless of the number of credits required or completed?

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Science	3	Credits to incorporate life sciences, physical science, and earth/space science as provided in the Program of Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the requirement for three credits of science be retained? • If yes, should the requirement for 3 credits be strengthened in any way? • Should the standards include a stronger focus on physics? • Should a lab be required? • Should the standards include a stronger focus on inquiry?
Health	.5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the requirement for one-half credit of health be retained? • If yes, should the requirement be strengthened in any way?
Physical Education	.5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the requirement for one-half credit of physical education be retained? • If yes, should the requirement be strengthened in any way?
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts	1	History and appreciation of visual and performing arts or another arts course which incorporates such content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the requirement for one credit in history and appreciation of the visual and performing arts be retained? • If yes, should the requirement be strengthened in any way? • Should students be given the option of earning credit through specializing in one area of the arts as an alternative to the current requirement?

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total 15 credits + 7 electives for a total of 22 required credits
World Languages	Elective	Two years of the same world language are a requirement of the precollege curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should every student be required to take two years of the same world language?
Vocational Studies	Elective	The standards for vocational studies are articulated in a separate program of studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the high school graduation requirements be expanded to include vocational studies?
Individual Graduation Plan		Each student shall complete a plan which incorporates an emphasis on career development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the requirement for the individual graduation plan be retained? • If yes, should the requirement be strengthened? • Should the purpose, uses and content of the plan be more clearly articulated? • Should additional accountability be placed on schools and/or students for the planning process? • Should the success of the plan be gauged in any way?